

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: HANCK *et al.*
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING
AND CHECKING A HASH TOTAL FOR
DIGITAL DATA GROUPED IN SEVERAL
DATA SEGMENTS
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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This Amendment and Reply is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) and the appropriate fee for an RCE set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). This communication is responsive to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision on Appeal mailed November 14, 2011, and the Final Office Action mailed June 27, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: